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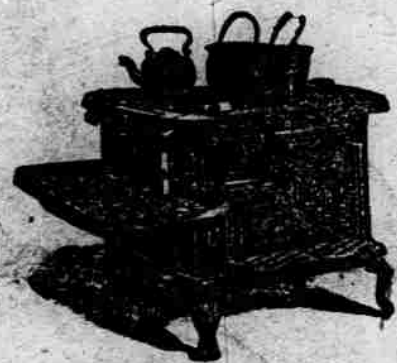
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A DISASTROUS YEAR.

The Woes and Catastrophes of the First Half of 1892.

If the remaining six months of this year shall duplicate or approximate to the record of disasters which have occurred in the first six, says the Chicago Tribune, the year 1892 will be sent down as the most fatal to life in the United States that has ever been known. Fires, floods, explosions, mine casualties, cyclones, windstorms, lightning—all the elemental forces, indeed—seem to have combined with human agencies to destroy life and to present an aggregate of great disasters which in comparison with ordinary terrible events seem to lose their significance or attract personal attention only.

Since January 1 there have been four destructive wind storms, killing nearly 200 persons, viz: May 1, Missouri and Kansas, 75; May 16, Texas, 15; May 27, Wellington, Kansas, 53; June 15, Southern Minnesota, 50. In the same period there have been four great floods, viz: April 11, Tombigbee river, 250; May 18, Sioux City, Iowa, 35; May 20, Lower Mississippi, 36; June 6, fire and flood, Oil Creek, Pa., 196. There also have been four mining disasters, viz: January 7, McAllister, I. T., 55; April 30, Minersville, Pa., 12; May 10, Roslyn, Wash., 44; May 14, Butte, Mont., 14. Three fires have been unusually disastrous to life, viz: January 21, Indianapolis Surgical Institute, 19; February 7, Hotel Royal, New York, 30; April 28, theater, Philadelphia, 12.

Besides these there was, on March 21, an explosion at Jordon, Michigan, by which 10 lives were lost; June 13, the explosion at the Mare Island navy yard, which killed 13, and June 15 the fall of the bridge over Licking river, by which 32 lives were sacrificed. These are the principal disasters of the year thus far, and they involve an aggregate of 960 lives. Adding to this total the sum of losses by minor accidents, as reported to the Tribune, we have the following sad and unusual record: By fire, 876; by drowning, 1874; by explosions, 610; by falling structures of various kinds, 267; by mine disasters, 308; by wind storms, 340, and by lightning 120. Grand total, 3588. The total loss of life by these causes during the whole of last year—and 1891 was one of the most disastrous years on record—was 5762. So it is evident that 1892 will far surpass its predecessor. It is a sad and appalling record, this of great disasters, following so closely upon each other's heels. It recalls the days of the war when one took up the morning paper only to read the list of killed and wounded in the previous day's battle, and with the same result then as now, viz: That the great battles so overshadowed the smaller ones that little attention was paid to the latter. So now, the great catastrophes so far eclipse the smaller ones, that the latter, though they would be considered shocking and exceptional in any ordinary time, are now hardly an hour's wonder.

CROP-WEATHER BULLETIN.

For the Week Ending August 7th, 1892.

WESTERN OREGON.

Weather—About normal temperature has prevailed, the extremes ranging from 50 to 80 degrees; the mornings have been cloudy, from noon it has been cloudless and warm. No rain has fallen.

Crops—Heading and threshing is in full operation, a large proportion of the winter wheat has been cut, considerable has been threshed and some has already been delivered to the warehouses. The berry is of much better quality than was expected and in many sections it is in quality equal to the average.

Oats are turning out much better than was expected; they will make fully two-thirds of a crop.

Spring wheat has improved considerably under the favorable influences of the weather during the past three weeks, so that more of a crop will be secured from it than was anticipated. Reports from threshed wheat are that it is turning out from 20 to 35 bushels per acre. Hops are beginning to come into blossom, the lice have done some damage already; but it is not expected that they will be as bad as last year.

Watermelons, cantaloupes and corn are ripe and being shipped to market. "Alexander" peaches are almost over and "Hales' Early" are now ripening. The peach crop is not over two-thirds of an average. Apples, pears and plums are about one-half a crop.

EASTERN OREGON.

Weather—About normal temperature has prevailed, the nights have been cool, the days warm. The maximum temperature ranged from

90 to 105 degrees, the minimum from 45 to 60 degrees. No rain fell during the week. The wind has had less velocity than formerly.

Crops—Wheat harvest is well along in the Columbia river counties, the reports indicate a better berry than usual and very well filled heads. The fall wheat will average up fairly well. In parts of Gilliam, Morrow, Sherman and Wasco counties not over one-half a crop will be secured.

Spring wheat is poor and much of it will not be cut; some fields that last year averaged 25 to 30 to the acre, this year yield from 21 to 27 bushels per acre; in other fields there is a less yield.

Oats are fair and vary in condition as does the wheat. Corn is coming on fairly well.

East and south of the Blue mountains hay harvest is yet in progress; wheat and oats are indicating less than average yields.

The warm weather of last week did no damage; but was rather beneficial, as it advanced the vegetation. Melons and sweet corn are ripening well and will be an average crop.

MUCH MARRIED.

Death Brings to Light a Married Matrimonial Career.

A contest for letters of administration on the estate of Joel R. Carter, deceased, in the superior court at Sacramento, developed a curious matrimonial career. Carter was a native of England and married there, two children being born to himself and wife. In 1865 he came to America, leaving his wife and babies behind. He settled in Peoria, Illinois, where he married again without securing a divorce from his first wife. Two children were born to the second wife, and then Carter wearied of his Illinois love and eloped with a young woman named Kate Hepley. He went to Sacramento county and engaged in farming, assuming the name of Joel R. Cramer. He prospered financially, as he had in love affairs, and when he died about a year ago left an estate worth about \$60,000. His will disclosed his matrimonial experiences. A long and costly lawsuit was avoided by an adjustment of property affairs. The English wife and children were content with one-half of the estate, the Illinois claimants with two-thirds and Kate Cramer and her daughter Olive with one-third of the remaining half. The Illinois wife having procured a divorce after being deserted the English wife was permitted to name an administrator.

Pendleton's Founder.

Pendleton contained a no less personage than its probable founder, Friday, although few people were aware of the circumstance. He is L. C. Morrison, a hearty old gentleman who for the past decade has been successfully engaged in the sheep business in Wyoming. In the spring of 1862 he built a little box-house on the site of Swift's station, the Pendleton of the far away past, put in a small stock of goods and provisions and traded with the Indians. It was the first building erected in this locality. He was followed about two months later by a man named Martin and Mr. Swift, who also established a trading store. They sold liquor to the mixed bloods, and Morrison, not caring to engage in the firewater traffic, packed up his belongings and left, in February of the same year, paying forty cents a pound for the transportation of his freight to Idaho City.—E. O.

A Good Plan.

Says the E. O.: The county court seems to have determined that the business of the county shall be conducted on a more prompt and systematic plan hereafter. At the court's request an order was drawn by C. H. Carter, Esq., and was passed at the adjourned session Saturday, compelling bi-monthly reports from the school superintendent, clerk, sheriff, treasurer, and all justices of the peace. It is required that full and complete statements shall be made every two months on blanks furnished by the county clerk, commencing at the end of August, 1892, of monies received and disbursed by the respective officers. The order particularizes the duty of each officer in making such reports, which ought to provide for taxpayers a better understanding of the financial affairs of the county in future. Heretofore annual reports only have been presented.

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COAST NEWS.

The Telegraphers' Strike at an End—Forty Stockmen Indicted For Murder, Etc.

Democratic primaries at Walla Walla resulted in the election of a delegation favoring Dr. Blalock for governor.

A large flouring and sawmill at Davenport, Wash., belonging to John A. Johnson, burned Saturday. The loss is \$20,000.

The forty-two Wyoming stockmen, on trial at Cheyenne, have been indicted on a charge of murder in the first degree.

The Union Pacific has allowed the railroad telegraphers all the concessions they demanded, and the strike has been declared off.

Miners in the Coeur d'Alene refuse to work if deprived of their protection, and troops will remain on guard an indefinite length of time.

The Artesian well boring at Tekeoa is a success. The water pours forth in a volume of 40,000 gallons per day. As it will require 150,000 gallons per day to supply the town and keep the reservoir full, the hole will be sunk deeper in hopes of securing a stronger flow.

Weston & Bean have made purchases of Umatilla county sheep to the amount of 5000 head, which will be removed to their winter range in the Yakima country next November. Lately they bought 1700 head from J. W. and Harold Salisbury, and a band of 1300 from Suiste Bros.

J. H. Shearer, a resident of the Deschutes, and the owner of a large flock of sheep, has concluded to do away with middlemen in handling his wool, and is having it shipped to Portland and placed on board the American ship Tillie E. Starbuck, for Boston. Mr. Shearer has 218,000 pounds of choice wool.

"Here goes for a suicide," said Eva Morton Monday afternoon as she sat in a carriage with a picnic party from Compton on their way to Redondo Beach, Cal. As she stepped out of the carriage she fired a revolver and the next moment a 45-calibre bullet broke its way through her pretty head and she fell into the arms of Miss Lucy Howland, who sat beside her. Miss Morton was 20 years old and had just graduated from the State Normal school. The verdict of the coroner's jury was accidental death.

General John Bidwell, of Chico, was officially notified of his nomination for president by the Prohibition party at the Metropolitan Temple, San Francisco, Wednesday evening.

The grand jury of Whitman county, Wash., at its session just closed brought in true bills against 23 persons charged with stealing stock. A spirited war is being waged against the rustlers in that county.

The Oregon Pacific railroad company was incorporated last Saturday by Wm. Hoag, Wallis Nash, B. Wilson, Z. Job, and Abraham Hackelman, with a capital stock of \$18,050,000. The object is to build and maintain telegraph, telephone or phonophone lines from Yaquina bay to a point on the eastern boundary of the state, with the right to extend it to Boise City, Idaho.

There was one "we-view-with-alarm" in the Democratic platform, and its appearance was greeted with derision. But how does it happen that the platform contains no "we-point-with-prides"? The omission of so essential, time-honored and immemorial a phrase cannot but be detrimental to the Democratic cause among the residents of those back counties where a platform without it is considered a freak.—St. Joseph News.

Charles Herman, the half breed Indian taken to Portland from The Dalles for selling liquor to Indians and confined in the county jail, pending an examination on a charge of poisoning whiskey, from which three of them died, committed suicide by hanging himself in his cell Thursday afternoon. Herman has been in his time a familiar figure in the United States court and deputy marshals have repeatedly gained honor and fees by taking him down for bestowing firewater upon the siwash.

A startling condition of affairs has been disclosed with reference to the smallpox at Chula Vista, 10 miles from San Diego, Cal. More than two weeks ago it was reported to the board of supervisors that there was one case, that of a young man who recently returned from Mexico, and the health officers insisted that he be isolated at once. The disease, however, was contracted by others of the same family and a neighboring family. In the meantime the young man

first attacked, while becoming convalescent, has been picking fruit and peddling it from house to house. It has also been discovered that Christian scientists have been holding protracted meetings daily in the rooms of patients. All medical attendance has been refused.

A Visalia, Cal., dispatch of August 6th says: Evans and Son-tag Collis, train robbers, came to the Evans house about 12 o'clock last night and after eating supper went to the barn. Deputy Sheriff Oscar Beaser was guarding two men at the barn and opened fire, which was returned by the robbers, wounding Beaser so that he died.

Fifteen shots were exchanged, Beaser firing first, some of his shots wounding the horses so that one had to be killed. While the guard was attending Beaser the robbers escaped about 3 o'clock on foot, went in a northerly direction, and three miles from town tried to borrow horses from an acquaintance. Twenty or thirty men are now in pursuit on horseback. The men will be hung if taken alive. They can hardly escape as all thoroughfences are guarded.

A dispatch from Chicago under date of August 6th says: One million dollars represented by forged deeds to property belonging to Mrs. Hetty R. Green, the richest woman in the world, are now floating about Chicago. The forged deeds are still in the hands of the forgers as far as it is known. It was by an attempt to borrow money on some of the property and to dispose of other tracts in this city through the forged papers, that the truth became known.

Through the filing of a bill in chancery by quiet title to the property, Mrs. Green's interests have been protected, though this move was made against the advice of Chief of Police McGough and Chief Inspector Ross. They fear the criminals have been warned by the illustration and have been given a chance to escape. The property is in acres, and is known to real estate men as the old Gage farm. The forgeries cover a half section, or 320 acres, valued at \$1,000,000.

MAHANA'S DAM.

It is Again Torn Out at Freewater by Angry Riparian Owners.

Reports are that "Mahana's dam business" at Freewater is again assuming serious and sensational proportions. It will be remembered that the dam, which was built to furnish water for Freewater gardens, was torn out some time ago by Nineveh Ford, an old settler, and a large force of riparian owners below, of whom he was the leader. Criminal action was brought and resulted in acquittal. Ford instituted a counter action for damages, and succeeded in having the dam declared a nuisance. It was then removed, but was afterward rebuilt, and Friday, so a Pendleton gentleman who visited Milton informs an East Oregonian representative, seven of Ford's retainers again wreaked summary vengeance on the dam, which has been left a hopeless wreck. Just what the outcome will be is not known at this writing.

To Protect Travelers.

The state board of railroad commissioners last week adopted the following:

Whereas, The board has been informed and has personal knowledge of the fact that the Union Pacific company carries only one conductor and one brakeman on its passenger trains over the mountain division between Portland and Huntington; therefore be it

Resolved, That said company be informed that it is the sense of the board that such service is not sufficient to adequately protect the traveling public against accidents which might result from such service, and that it be required to put on two brakemen between Portland and Huntington on all passenger trains.

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